

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An ink-jet printer system ~~wherein~~ comprising:
_____ a common ink-jet printer ~~is~~ shared by a multiple number of host machines,
_____ ~~characterized in that~~ the ink-jet printer is provided with a storage means which updates
and stores ~~the~~ a completion time of ~~the~~ a last printing operation, and
_____ each host machine ~~is provided with~~ includes a print control means ~~which reads~~ for reading
out the completion time from the ink-jet printer at the start of a printing operation, compares it
with the current time and selectively issues an execution order of a recovery treatment to the
ink-jet printer based on the result of the comparison.

2. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 1, wherein
the print control means includes a time measuring means for measuring the current time and
transfers the current time measured by the time measuring means at the end of a printing
operation to the ink-jet printer as the completion time of the printing operation.

3. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 1, wherein
the print control means determines whether or not the completion time of the last printing
operation read out from the ink-jet printer is valid and gives an execution order of a recovery
treatment if the completion time is invalid.

4. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 2, wherein the print control means determines whether or not the completion time of the last printing operation read out from the ink-jet printer is valid and gives an execution order of a recovery treatment if the completion time is invalid.

5. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 1, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means issues to the ink-jet printer a command of prohibiting the update of the completion time held in the storage means.

6. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 2, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means issues to the ink-jet printer a command of prohibiting the update of the completion time held in the storage means.

7. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 3, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means issues to the ink-jet printer a command of prohibiting the update of the completion time held in the storage means.

8. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 4, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means issues to the ink-jet printer a command of prohibiting the update of the completion time held in the storage means.

9. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 1, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means informs that fact to other host machines and provides warning.

10. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 2, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means informs that fact to other host machines and provides warning.

11. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 3, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means informs that fact to other host machines and provides warning.

12. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 4, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means informs that fact to other host machines and provides warning.

13. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 5, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means informs that fact to other host machines and provides warning.

14. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 6, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means informs that fact to other host machines and provides warning.

15. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 7, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means informs that fact to other host machines and provides warning.

16. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 8, wherein if the completion time which was read from the ink-jet printer at the end of the last printing operation indicates a later time than the current time, the print control means informs that fact to other host machines and provides warning.

17. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 2, further comprising: a clock server for indicating the current time, wherein the print control means reads the current time from the clock server at regular intervals and updates the current time measured by the time measuring means based on the read current time.

18. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet printer system according to Claim 1, further comprising: a clock server for indicating the current time, wherein the storage means updates and stores the current time indicated by the clock server at the printing operation end as the completion time of the last printing operation.